



CELEBRATING INDIANA'S COMEBACK

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BP Upgrade Brings Jobs to Northwest Indiana

A recent announcement by the B.P. refinery is good news for northwest Indiana. B.P. has plans to upgrade its northwest Indiana plant to process crude oil from Canada, requiring the construction of four new facilities.

The company says this project will require 2,500 workers, and 80 full-time positions will be created at the project's completion.

"The eyes of the energy world are on northwest Indiana..." said Governor Daniels.

Construction for this \$3 billion project is scheduled to begin in 2007 and will be completed by 2011.

MINORITY BUSINESS CERTIFICATION RECOGNIZED BY THE STATE

One of Governor Daniels' first steps toward a better Indiana was Executive Order 05-11, allowing the Indiana Department of Administration to accept Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) certification from the Indiana Business Diversity Council (IBDC).

The State had been taking up to twelve months to approve an application for MBE certification, costing small minority business owners valuable opportunities. IBDC only took three to five weeks to grant certification, but was not recognized by the State until Governor Daniels took office.

MAJOR MOVES CREATES MAJOR JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR HOOSIER MINORITIES

The recent shattering of transportation investment records is good news for Hoosier minority-owned businesses.

With a projected \$826 million in spending on roads, bridges, and highways in 2007 alone, Hoosiers can expect to see a drop in unemployment and a rise in economic development. Indiana's updated transportation infrastructure will pave the way for accelerated business development and expansion.

"[Major Moves] will enable the state to complete more than 200 vital transportation projects, creating tens of thousands of new jobs and a modern road network that will enable Indiana to maintain its strategic position as the 'Crossroads of America,'" said Governor Daniels.

An estimated 130,000 jobs will be created in Indiana through Major Moves projects, giving minority and women-owned businesses the opportunity to advance and help strengthen the State's economy.



Governor Mitch Daniels with Senator Howard at the Major Moves rally where hundreds of Hoosiers turned out in support of tens of thousands of good-paying jobs in Indiana.

"Major Opportunities" to Increase Minority Construction Positions

In conjunction with Major Moves, Governor Daniels and Ron Stiver, former Commissioner of Workforce Development, created "Major Opportunities," a program that seeks to assure that minorities get their fair share of road construction projects.

Currently, African Americans represent 11% of the U.S. work force, but only 4% of construction workers.

Training providers for the Major Opportunities training program were recently selected and registration for participation has begun.

Funding for this training program was secured by Sen. Earline Rogers, one of only two Democrats to vote for Major Moves. For more information on how to register, click [here](#).

Nine Awards Presented at the Indiana Black Expo Governor's Reception

Nine Hoosier education, business, and community leaders from across the state were recognized for their accomplishments at the Indiana Black Expo, Inc. 36th Annual Summer Celebration Governor's Reception.

"The success these individuals have achieved should be an example for us all," said Governor Daniels. "these leaders truly

represent the backbone of Indiana — Hoosiers who see that investing in their community and in their state will pay dividends for years to come."

Award recipients were selected by the Governor in collaboration with the Minority and Women's Enterprises Division of the Indiana Department of Administration.

Award recipients include:

Irene Saucer (Evansville), William Saucer (Evansville), Angela Biddings (Gary), Gary Davis (Indianapolis), Douglas Cesar Vaughn (Kokomo), Darla Williams (Indianapolis), Harold J. Foster (Gary), Dr. Rae Pearson (Fort Wayne), and Cherrie White (Gary).